

As the Chairman of the Stratford Democratic Town Committee, I do not support The Secretary of State's proposal in reference to the Registrar of voter's office.

My first reason being is that Rick Marcone, our Registrar, is very committed.

There has never been an issue through both state and local elections. He does his best to understand the State Regulations, doesn't hesitate to call the S.O.T.S. office for clarification, and strictly enforces them. In addition he is a wealth of knowledge and assists both current and new voters.

Now let's talk about the proposal. Do we honestly believe that if we had one register that they would be neutral? Would they treat all parties neutral?? What about candidates running for office? One registrar no checks and balances. If this one person favored a certain candidate how do we know that everything would be above board? How many lawsuits would be filed after an election accusing the lone register of misconduct?

In this world of politics the current system works. It protects everyone's interest including our candidates, and the voting public. Let's not destroy a system that works 99% of the time because of issues that have arisen in other cities and towns.

Find the root cause of why these issues have happen and put measures in place to prevent them.

Better still address those issues head on where and with whom they happened.

Don't try to change an entire system to address isolated issues.

A one registrar system, appointed by the party in control, would truly make the office of Registrar a partisan office!

Let's focus on addressing those isolated issues and taking positive steps to strength the entire system.

Do not destroy a system that in its present form protects everyone from misconduct.

One appointed registrar. Which party will they be loyal to??

Thank you,

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